

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office Action mailed July 16, 2007, has been carefully reviewed and this paper is Applicant's response thereto. Claims 1-33 are pending. The Office Action indicated that the claims are subject to a four way restriction to Group I (based on Figures 1-4), Group II (Figure 5), Group III (Figures 6-7) and Group IV (Figure 8). Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement.

Pending claims 1-28 are directed to an apparatus. Each of these apparatus claims would read on Figures 1-4. Figures 5-8 represent embodiments of features shown Figures 1-4, for example an embodiment of a shield depicted in Figures 5-8 can be plainly seen in Figure 1. Method claims 29-33 are directed to a method of light that would also read on Figures 1-4. Applicant notes that no claim is directed purely to an embodiment of light shield, which is what Figures 5-8 illustrate. In other words, Figures 5-8 illustrate an embodiment of a light shield that includes details that are more difficult to appreciate in Figure 1, for example. Therefore, the restriction requirement does not appear to have a logical basis.

In addition to the above, the pending claims have been subject to extensive examination, including an RCE and a subsequent office action and one claim was previously indicated as being allowable. Thus, there can be no burden to examine all the claims together at this stage of prosecution.

In summary, Applicant respectfully submits that the restriction requirement to the Figures does not comport with the subject matter disclosed in the Figures. In addition, there is no burden to examine the claims at this late stage of prosecution. To the extent the restriction requirement is cognizable, Applicant elects Group 1 (Figures 1-4) with traverse and claims 1-33 are believed to read on Group I.

CONCLUSION

All issues having been addressed, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application and allowance of all pending claims.

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